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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 July 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 12-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 12-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Killion (U.S. patent 6,320,969) in view of Hoover (U.S. 3,924,159).

Regarding claims 12-14, Killion teaches a method for detecting low battery output voltage (figures 1, 1A and 3). The method comprises sensing a low battery voltage (21, 21A, 31) and substantially disabling the audio amplifier (see col. 6, lines 4-15, figure 3 and see the on-off switch 12 for the manual shut off of the alarm).

Killion does not teach the method for substantially disabling the audio amplifier and loading the battery.

Hoover teaches an amplifier protecting system which comprises a cut off circuit or a method for sensing a low battery voltage (7, col. 3, lines 30-50 and col. 4, lines 4-24), wherein the voltage sensor (7) monitors the dropping voltage (ground fault) and substantially disabling the amplifier automatically (col. 4, lines 13-14) and loading the battery (the crowbar circuit 9).

Since Killion and Hoover teaches the circuit for disabling the amplifier in response to the voltage sensor output; it therefore would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to provide the method for sensing a low battery voltage, substantially disabling

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the audio amplifier and load the battery, as taught by Hoover, in the Killion device for better protecting the audio amplifier system.

Regarding claim 15, Hoover shows a resistor (49). Hoover does not specifically teach the resistance as claimed. However, Hoover does not restrict to any range of the resistance.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to provide any range of the resistance in the device of Killion in view of Hoover such as the range of 1,000 to 10,000 Ohms depending on the desired loading for efficiently drawing the output voltage from battery.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-11 have been allowed.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed 7/26/04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Responding to the arguments about claim 12, the examiner has explained in detail in the Office Action. Further, the Applicant should note that Hoover does teach the step of disabling the audio amplifier automatically, and claim 12 does not include the limitation of a voltage sensor having an output dependent on a battery output voltage and a circuit for loading the battery in response to the battery output voltage as argued.

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Conclusion

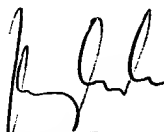
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HUYEN D. LE whose telephone number is (703) 305-4844. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30AM-6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, CURTIS KUNTZ can be reached on (703) 305-4708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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